between Super Specialists of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai and Specialists of G.B. Pant Hospital when two Cardiac patients were presented for Specialists consultation, advice and treatment before a Cardiologist and a Cardio Thoracic Surgeon of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai.

The Department of Space has intimated that the Telemedicine connectivity has been provided between G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair, Andaman and Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Instiutute, Chennai under The ISRO's Telemedicine Pilot Project to bring health care for the rural, distant and off shore Island through satellite.

The telemedicine system consists of customized medical software integrated with computer hardware along with medical diagnostic instruments, connected to VSATs at each of the patient end (Port Blair) & expert doctors (Chennai) and linked through INSAT satellite. Generally the medical record/history of the patient is sent to the specialist Doctors who in turn study, provide diagnosis and treatment during video conference with the patient end.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Non-functional CT Scan machines in MCD-run hospitals

2654. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that for the past couple of years, CT Scan machines installed in the Capital's two MCD-run hospitals have been out of order;

(b) if so, whether the machines, costing over Rs. 2.35 crores each were installed in 1993 but after they stopped functioning in 1999, they have neither been repaired nor replaced;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(d) if so, the details of the report; and

(e) the steps being taken to make these machines workable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has informed that CT Scan machines installed in their two hospitals are out of order and no enquiry has been conducted in this regard. Municipal Corporation of Delhi had asked/requested the manufacturers of machines to get the machines repaired. The manufacturers informed Municipal Corporation of Delhi that it was not advisable to get these machines repaired, as the repair was not economical.

Transportation of Cattle

2655. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a huge transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala;

(b) if so, the purpose of this transportation;

(c) whether this transportation violates any existing rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government has no information of transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala. However, there are transportation rules ensuring proper care of animals while they are on transit.

Primary Health Facilities in Ganjam District of Orissa

2656. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Miniser of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the Ganjam district of Orissa which are lacking primary health facilities; and

(b) the steps Government propose for providing primary health facilities to these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND